

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the specification and claims 1, 13, 15, 20-21, 23, 35, 37 and 39 have been amended. Claims 1-40 are pending and under consideration.

The objection to the Specification is overcome by the present amendment to the title of the invention.

The rejection of claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is respectfully traversed. The Examiner's attention is drawn to present FIG. 4 and paragraph [0032] of the present Specification.

The rejection of claims 30 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is overcome by the present amendments to the Specification.

The rejections based on Watanabe are respectfully traversed. Using independent claim 1 as an example, this claim recites the pickups being at a same radial distance from a center of the disk. In contrast, Watanabe discloses that the magnetic head devices H1 and H2 are at different distances r1 and r2. Watanabe, col. 7, ln. 6-16. Watanabe requires these different distances to avoid the problem of the prior art discussed at column 2, lines 19-30 therein. Namely, that one magnetic head device reads write signals recorded by the other magnetic head device.

Dependent claim 11 recites that the number of pickup transferring units is 4. The Examiner relies upon FIG. 8 of Watanabe. However, only two of the magnetic head devices H1-H4 are tested at a time. Watanabe, col. 12, ln. 26-31.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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